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SUBJECT: WINDOW BREAKING AT IZMIR USIS LIBRARY

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TELECON 23 AUGUST 1975

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M. IZMIR TIME ON 23 AUGUST 1975, A GROUP
OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN THROWING ROCKS BROKE SEVERAL WINDOWS OF THE USIS

LIBRARY AND THE ADJACENT STUDENT ENTRANCE TO THE IZMIR TURKISH AMERICAN

ASSOCIATION (BINATIONAL CENTER), CAUSING AN ESTIMATED 800-1500 DOLLARS

DAMAGE TO THE LIBRARY AND A SIMILAR AMOUNT TO THE TURKISH AMERICAN AS-
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2. TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE ON DUTY AT THE LIBRARY APPREHENDED SEVERAL

OF THE ROCK THROWERS IMMEDIATELY. WITHIN A SHORT TIME SOME THIRTY OTHER

INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED IN THE NEIGHBORING VICINITY OF THE LIBRARY. WITNESSES HAVE ESTIMATED THE SIZE OF THE ROCKTHROWING GROUP AT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN TWENTY AND EIGHTY INDIVIDUALS. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN ROCKS WERE FOUND INSIDE THE LIBRARY AND A LIKE NUMBER INSIDE THE TAA.

3. EARLIER, AT 5:00 P.M. IZMIR TIME A WELL ORGANIZED AND DISCIPLINED DEMONSTRATION COMPRISED OF BETWEEN 300 AND 500 PEOPLE ESCORTED BY LARGE

NUMBER OF POLICE HAD MOVED FROM A CENTRAL IZMIR TRAIN STATION TO A LARGE CITY SQUARE SOME 200 YARDS FROM THE LIBRARY/BINATIONAL CENTER BUILDING. THE MARCH ARRIVED AT THE SQUARE SHORTLY BEFORE 6:00 P.M. AT WHICH TIME A RALLY WAS HELD FEATURING SINGING, CHEERING, AND CHANNING OF THE FOLLOWING MAJOR SLOGANS: "INDEPENDENT TURKEY," "NEITHER AMERICA NOR RUSSIA," "AMERICANS GO HOME," "END THE OCCUPATION--FREEDOM FOR THE ISLAND," AND "FIGHTERS FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE THIRD WORLD." OTHER SLOGANS ON POSTERS WERE: "LET US UNITE WITH THE THIRD WORLD," "DAMN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS," "NO TO NATO."

4. POSTERS IDENTIFYING PARTICIPATING GROUPS READ: "HEALTH WORKERS," "ODEMIS WORKERS," AND THE GROUP WHICH REPORTEDLY ORGANIZED THE DEMONSTRATION "AEGEAN REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH ASSOCIATION." INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATION INCLUDED STUDENTS, WORKERS, NURSES, AND UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.

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5. THE RALLY ENDED AND DISPERSED AT ABOUT 7:19 P.M.

6. MEANWHILE, SOMEWHAT BEFORE THE DEMONSTRATION ENDED, THE DAMAGE AT THE USIS LIBRARY AND THE BINATIONAL CENTER HAD BEEN DONE. AT ABOUT 7:20 UNCLASSIFIED

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P.M. TWO BUSES LOADED WITH POLICE ARRIVED AT THE LIBRARY, PAUSED BRIEFLY AND DEPARTED. BY THAT TIME ONLY A FEW CURIOUS REMAINED. BY 8:00 P.M. ALL HAD DISPERSED LEAVING THE NORMAL POLICE GUARD ON DUTY. POLICE GUARD

REINFORCEMENT WAS REQUESTED AND SUPPLIED FOR THE NIGHT.

7. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AUGUST 24, USIS AND CON GEN OFFICERS AND

EMPLOYEES CLEANED UP THE LIBRARY AND BOARDED UP THE PORTIONS OF THE GLASS WALL WHICH HAD BEEN BROKEN.

8. ALL IZMIR PAPERS ON THE MORNING OF 24 AUGUST TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL ISTANBUL PAPERS CARRIED REPORTS OF THE GLASS BREAKING, SOME WITH ACCOMPANYING PHOTOGRAPHS. DURING THE CLEANUP AND REPAIR WORK IN IZMIR PAPER PHOTOGRAPHER APPEARED AND PHOTOGRAPHED THE WORK IN PROGRESS.

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